

NCLB Committee of Practitioners Meeting Minutes

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COP Members in Attendance: Tim Frey, Co-Chair Norma Malamud, Co-Chair Debbi Burdick Karen Burns Copley Harriet Caruso Thomas Collins Alena Davenport Kaye Dean Linda Denno Monika Fuller Connie Heath Daryl Heinitz	Melissa Holdaway Sylvia A. Johnson Carrie Larson Jean Lewis Patricia Marsh Leanne Marston Natalie McWhorter Minerva Mejia Kong Joe O'Reilly, Ph.D Patricia Osborne Shelly Reed-Mezei Patrick Riley Mary Beth Whitney	ADE: Nancy Konitzer Christopher Dickinson Gary Fortney Steve Henneberg Karen LeGrand Bobbie Orlando Virginia Stodola	Guests: Lorinda Brown Bob Fleischmann Kathy Granillo-Beebe
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Welcome and Introductions:

Co-chairs Norma Malamud and Tim Frey opened the Special Committee of Practitioners (COP) Meeting at 10:00. Norma welcomed everyone then asked for members and guests to introduce themselves. Norma introduced Nancy Konitzer, Deputy Associate Superintendent for Title I and NCLB Consolidated Activities with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). Nancy welcomed everyone to the ADE's Central and Palm Lane Offices. Nancy asked for members to volunteer for the Title I Distinguished School Recognition committee with Sherry Barclay, NCLB Plans and Applications Director, who leads the effort on selecting Arizona Title I Distinguished Schools. The committee will review the eligible schools' applications, choose schools from each category for on site visits and make the selections.. The schools will be honored at the National Title I Conference at the end of January 2008. Nancy welcomed new members to COP.

Standards and Rubrics for LEA Improvement and the LEA State System of Support:

Nancy introduced Kimberly Allen, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Improvement and Intervention Unit in the School Effectiveness Division. Kimberly described the recent reorganization that combined School Improvement, LEA Improvement and State Intervention under a single Deputy Associate Superintendent. The Director of Federal School Improvement is Doug Price, Jill Andrews is the Director of LEA Improvement, Robert Gray is the Director of AZLEARNS Intervention and John Black is the Director of State School Improvement.

Kimberly explained that an LEA Improvement Committee including three COP members - Jean Lewis, Tom Collins and Joe O'Reilly – participated in drafting the LEA Standards and Rubrics for LEA Improvement and the State System of LEA Support during the summer. West Ed. Staff from the Southwest Comprehensive Center advised and facilitated the process.

Kimberly introduced Jill Andrews and her staff who work with LEA's in Improvement: Steve Henneberg and Virginia Stodola. Jill thanked COP members for coming to a special meeting to review and provide additional input on the revised DRAFT versions of the State System of LEA Support and the LEA Standards and Rubrics for LEA Improvement that had been worked on over the summer. Jill led

members through the State System of LEA Support indicating the changes that resulted from the summer work. The document was reorganized according to each year of LEA Improvement along with the timeline and what is expected. It also will indicate the support ADE will provide and the responsibilities of the LEAs.

There are 50 LEAs in Improvement:

- ✓ 12 - In LEA Improvement - Year 1
- ✓ 18 - In LEA Improvement - Year 2
- ✓ 1 - In Corrective Action (year 3)
- ✓ 19 - in LEA Corrective Action II (year 4)

Jill reported that the ADE Research and Evaluation Division has reviewed and clarified the criteria of determining LEAs in Improvement for Arizona. LEA's are identified for Title I LEA Improvement after two consecutive years of not making AYP in the same indicator and across all grade spans. The grade spans are:

- ✓ third – fifth and sixth – eighth grades for elementary school districts,
- ✓ tenth grade for union high school districts, or
- ✓ third – fifth, sixth – eighth and tenth grades for unified school districts.

Jill had COP members work in groups (5 teams) to review the LEA Standards and Rubrics for LEA Improvement. Each team evaluated the indicators in their assigned standard. They were asked not to focus on typos but on areas of that would cause confusion and need clarification. When the teams were finished they reported out and were able to ask questions of Jill, Virginia and Steve. Recommendations from COP were taken back to ADE where they were reviewed and taken into consideration in developing the final documents.

Nancy Konitzer, Kimberly Allen and Jill Andrews thanked members for their time and providing valuable input on DRAFT versions of the State System of Support and the LEA Standards and Rubrics for LEA Improvement. The meeting adjourned at noon.